I also should be happy to send a copy of the Report of the case of the trustees and Mr Brigham, to any of your friends in New York, or elsewhere, whom you may suppose would feel an interest in the perusal.

In conclusion, you may not think it worth while for me to write you much, or you may not feel it can be useful for plan, or for action. Should you so decide I shall be cordial to your determination.

Help me in the cause of the slave — counsel me in this matter, as your health and paramount engagements may permit.

Very truly, I am, Dear Sir,
yours, &c.
Lawson Kingsbury.

Framingham,
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Rev. A. A. Phelps.
Pastor of the Free Chh.
Boston

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until I am authorized to do so by the sanction of a name. Otherwise I may be intrusive; and I may be mistaken. It may be too that you would prefer to put me in correspondence with some other of the Bishops in the ministry, than yourself. If you, upon consideration, have sufficient confidence in my discretion, my understanding, my penetration, my conduct, and my exertions, please to write me on these topics with your leisure.

A heavy burden weighs upon my heart. The holy cause of abolitionism has been betrayed. And other *vital* subjects are connected with it.

If the Evangelical Magazine, the 2 vol. published at Hartford 1833 and 1834, would be acceptable and any convenience to you, it would give me great pleasure to send it, if you will let me know *where* it shall be left in Boston. I will also send you Rev. Mr. Brigham's trial, if you wish it. The trial was reported by a professional reporter. Mr. Brigham was charged by the trustees of Framingham Academy with *falsehood and duplicity*. The court was of the highest character, and Mr. B. was assisted by some of the ablest counsel in Massachusetts. Mr. B. was found *not* guilty by the court. I have not been perfectly well since Mr. B's trial, and was told that I did not go out for a week or more after hearing the arguments of counsel in that case.

If you can write me a word yourself, it will cheer me. Should you desire the [illegible] you are to send me votes and also give me any hints that may be useful in the canvass. I trust the result may prove that you have strengthened the hands and encouraged the hearts of your friends and sincere, earnest laborers in this cause.

Is Mr. H. B. Stanton at N. York, and is he to remain there? What are the distinctive characters of the Christian Journal? Could you consistently tell me why I should prefer that paper to the Emancipator? I should like a New York paper if it would be particularly beneficial to me, in my efforts in this region.

But, my dear sir, the wish of my heart is to correspond with you freely, fully and confidentially. Some of those in whom I would confide have died; others have removed from this region. And now, for the most important reasons and the most valuable objects; — objects near to your heart, I want a friend, and a counsellor. — Let me not be misunderstood. He should be an Anti-Slavery man, sound to the core. But I want his influence & counsel. a Dr. Beecher and a Wisner, formerly pastor of the Old South. I ought not to open myself

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Framingham, March 23d. 1839.

Rev. Mr. Phelps,

Dear Sir,

I am extremely sorry to trouble you, knowing your time to be so valuable, while ~~at the present time~~ too I have so many fears that your health is feeble, but I trust you will see sufficient excuse in this for my addressing you a few lines.

I was unable to attend the late convention at Concord. There was some sickness in my family, and other reasons existed to prevent my going over. I am extremely solicitous that printed votes should be sent to Framingham, and if possible to me in season for the next trial in this district. I want at least one hundred votes. I am ignorant ~~to~~ whom I ought to apply ~~to~~, for votes, and if I am to write votes, I particularly wish to be informed what names I shall prepare votes for. I am greatly at a loss to think of any one who may run as well as Levi Farwell has done.